

**REMARKS**

In response to the final Office Action mailed September 22, 2004, which rejected Claims 1-15 and objected to Claim 16, the Applicant has amended the claims in order to incorporate the features of Claim 16 into the independent claims (1, 10 and new Claim 17). In addition, Claims 3, 8, 9 and 16 were cancelled. Thus, there are no outstanding issues with respect to the pending claims, and they should be allowable for the reasons noted for allowability of prior Claim 16.

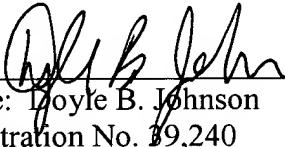
It is now believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication and which may be required under 37 CFR §1.78 to Deposit Account No. 50-2603, referencing Attorney Docket No. 354096.00500. **A duplicate sheet is attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

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